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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft Settlement. I beleave the preposed settlement is ineffective in it's attempts to curb Microsoft's anti-competitve behavior.

One of the most effective tools used by microsoft to maintain it's monopoly are propritary file formats used by their application. Without clearly, correctly, and thoughly document file formats, it is extremely difficult for a competitor to create a competing application. This is due to Microsofts monopoly in the office application market. Any competing product that cannot read a microsoft generated file or document has an extremely hard time establishing a foothold, since it cannot deal with the majority of the douments its user receives.

There are many additional problems with Proposed Final Judgement that make it an ineffective tool to combat the finding of fact that Microsoft has anti-competitive behaviors.

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